THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) This project is a joint venture of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation with the Visakhapatnam Port Trust.

(b) 4.5 million tonnes per annum.

(c) Because of the delay in completion of berth by the Port Trust, the project is now expected to be completed by September, 1985 as against the scheduled date of March, 1985.

(d) The estimated freight savings are expected to be around Rs. 20 crores per annum at full capacity utilisation.

Complaints regarding Non-delivery of packets of News Papers etc.

1785. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are repeated complaints about non-delivery of packets of newspapers, journals or periodical sent even under recorded delivery being raised by various publishing Houses, Newspapers and trade unions;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure safe delivery of packets sent under Recorded Delivery and how the proof of delivery is maintained;

(c) if no proof of delivery is maintained what is the efficiency of the recorded delivery system; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider concessional registration charges for small journals/news papers owned by non-profit making organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

(d) No charges are levied for the Registration of Newspapers/journals which fulfil certain conditions for availing the concessional postage rates. Once registered they have the facility of concessional tariff rates for transmission by post.

Adulteration in diesel and petrol

1786. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any adulteration has been found in diesel and petrol;

(b) whether any periodical check is made; and

(c) how many defaulters have been found out and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some cases of suspected adulteration of diesel and petrol have been reported.

(b) Regular inspections and random checks of retail outlets are conducted by the Oil Companies, and State Civil Supplies authorities.

(c) During the period January to May, 1985, 21 cases of suspected adultration/failure of diesel/petrol samples were detected. Action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines has been taken.

Reorganisation of Oil Industry

1787. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the possibility of reorganising the entire oil Industry by introducing the concept of a holding company;

(b) whether separate companies are envisaged to be established for drilling, exploration, refining, marketing, etc.;

(c) if so, what are the broad outlines of the proposals and its financial implications; and